

## AIRPORT HIGH

1315 Boston Avenue  
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**GRADES** 9-12 High School

**ENROLLMENT** 1,330 Students

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

# 2003

#### ABSOLUTE RATING:

**EXCELLENT**

Absolute Ratings of High Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
17	17	3	0	0

#### IMPROVEMENT RATING:

**GOOD**

#### ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS:

**N/A**

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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**[WWW.MYSCSCHOOLS.COM](http://WWW.MYSCSCHOOLS.COM)**

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**PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD**

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2001	Good	Excellent	N/A
2002	Excellent	Good	N/A
2003	Excellent	Good	N/A
2004			

**TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM**

	Our School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Percent	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Passed all 3 subtests	73.3	73.7	73.7	73.8	70.8	70.7
Passed 2 subtests	17.9	14.2	16.6	14.7	16.4	16.8
Passed 1 subtest	5.9	10.2	6.2	7.5	8.0	7.7
Passed no subtests	2.9	1.8	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.4

**PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS**

	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2003		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Graduation Rate	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>All Students</b>	288	97.2	250	13.6	288	84.4
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	135	97.8	113	11.5	132	80.3
Female	153	96.7	137	15.3	156	87.8
<b>Race or Ethnic Group</b>						
African American	71	95.8	72	4.2	79	84.8
Hispanic	1	I/S	1	I/S	1	I/S
White	214	97.7	175	17.1	207	84.1
Other	2	I/S	2	I/S	1	I/S
<b>Disability Status</b>						
Non-speech disabilities	9	88.9	14	0.0	23	17.4
Students without disabilities	279	97.5	236	14.4	265	90.2
<b>Migrant Status</b>						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-migrant	N/A	N/A	250	13.6	0	N/A
<b>English Proficiency</b>						
Limited English proficient	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-LEP	268	97.8	250	13.6	287	84.7
<b>Lunch Status</b>						
Subsidized meals	80	95.0	90	1.1	77	48.1
Full-pay meals	198	98.5	160	20.6	211	97.6

n = number of students on which percentage is calculated

**ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Percent of	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions*	13.6	18.1
Seniors who met the SAT requirement	14.4	19.0
Seniors who met the grade point average	52.8	56.4

\*Using only the SAT and grade point average requirements

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n= 1,330)				
Retention rate	5.9%	Down from 10.2%	6.4%	7.3%
Attendance rate	91.5%	Down from 95.9%	95.5%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.0%	Up from 17.1%	11.5%	5.1%
With disabilities other than speech	10.2%	Up from 7.8%	12.3%	12.2%
Older than usual for grade	7.3%	Down from 7.7%	8.0%	10.1%
Suspended or expelled	6.9%	Up from 2.0%	2.6%	2.3%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.7%	N/A	N/A	10.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual dropout rate	6.0%	Up from 3.9%	3.0%	2.7%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.1%	Down from 2.4%	0.0%	3.2%
Enrollment in career/technology center courses	942	Up from 927	568	433
Students participating in worked-based experiences	30.3%	Up from 13.9%	30.3%	26.3%
Career/technology students mastering core competencies	73.9%	Down from 76.2%	75.3%	74.9%
Career/technology completers placed	96.0%	Down from 98.4%	100.0%	99.5%

Teachers (n= 90)

Teachers with advanced degrees	56.7%	Up from 52.8%	56.3%	51.7%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Up from 73.0%	84.5%	81.8%
Highly qualified teachers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers returning from previous year	85.2%	Up from 85.0%	87.0%	85.1%
Teacher attendance rate	96.3%	No change	96.3%	95.8%
Average teacher salary	\$40,878	Up 0.4%	\$40,960	\$40,303
Prof. development days/teacher	14.5 days	Up from 7.4 days	10.6 days	10.3 days

School

Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio	29.8 to 1	Up from 28.4 to 1	27.5 to 1	26.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.8%	Down from 91.4%	90.7%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,081	Up 5.2%	\$6,102	\$6,279
Percent spent on teacher salaries*	61.0%	Up from 60.6%	57.9%	57.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	No change	85.5%	87.8%
SACS accreditation	yes	N/A	yes	yes

\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

	Our District	State
Highly qualified teachers in low poverty schools	N/A	N/A
Highly qualified teachers in high poverty schools	N/A	N/A

Abbreviations for Missing Data							
N/A	Not Applicable	N/C	Not Collected	N/R	Not Reported	I/S	Insufficient Sample

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Major academic gains and accomplishments, sports and music awards, and recognition in the area of student activities and community involvement all contributed to another successful year in 2002-2003 for Airport High School. We continued to offer a varied curriculum. The freshmen academy provided a nurturing atmosphere for at-risk freshmen needing additional math and English assistance.

Our SAT scores rose to an average of 1012, a 12-point gain. The percentage of students passing AP tests increased 27%, and the percentage of sophomores meeting standard on the Exit Exam on the first attempt increased. Our seniors were awarded \$3,139,082 in scholarships, the largest amount ever. All ten students who qualified for Palmetto Fellows received the \$26,800 scholarship. Seven students were awarded the \$24,000 South Carolina Teaching Scholarship.

The Airport Education Foundation, comprised of area business and civic leaders, continued to support academic programs at Airport by raising funds for instructional programs as well as scholarships (which totaled \$14,750).

Our sports program made significant strides with several teams reaching play-off status. One student was named the 4-A Basketball Player of the Year. Our JROTC was named Honor Unit with Distinction, and our JROTC Drill Team placed high in the NC, SC, and Georgia Meet. Our JROTC and Social Studies departments organized a successful Supplies for the Troops project, and our recycling program earned Top Recycler in the Midlands. Our concert band earned a superior rating at the Concert Band Festival, and several of our chorus students sang for the President of the United States during his visit to Columbia.

Our TMD-SC class placed 1st in the quilt competition at the SC State Fair. Seventeen students received the Young and Gifted Awards from the Columbia Urban League. One student was a finalist on CBS Star Search. Four teachers earned National Board Certification, and one teacher earned CISCO certification. One special education teacher received the ARC of the Midlands Spirit of the ARC Award. For the second consecutive year, the South Carolina Association of Student Councils recognized our Student Government as the best 4-A Student Government in the state. One student was elected as the SCASC District Five vice chairman, and a faculty member served as the Assistant Executive Director of SCASC.

Our new performing arts center and arena hosted many school and community events including a spotlight on the WIS TV morning show, "Craig Cam," and the first annual Senior Citizens Prom. Gayle Gulick, Principal

**EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS**

	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Number of surveys returned</b>	74	178	14
<b>Percent satisfied with learning environment</b>	74.0%	51.1%	78.6%
<b>Percent satisfied with social and physical environment</b>	84.9%	61.0%	42.9%
<b>Percent satisfied with home-school relations</b>	53.5%	71.0%	64.3%

**DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS**

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

**DEFINITION OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS**

As required by the United States Department of Education, adequate yearly progress specified that the statewide target is met for all students and for each subgroup of students: racial/ethnic, economic, disability, limited English proficiency and migrant status.